IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 14:

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--   This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/037,652 filed Mar. 10, 1998, now allowed.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 7 to 13, with the following:

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--   One known technique for providing storage systems that can remain available for service is to provide a plurality of redundant storage elements, with the property that when a first storage element fails, a second storage element is available to provide the services and the data otherwise provided by the first. Transfer of the function of providing services from the first to the second storage element is called "failover." The second storage element maintains a copy of the data maintained by the first, so that failover can proceed without substantial interruption.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 9 to 11, with the following:

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--   Each mass storage device 120 can include a single disk or a plurality of disks. In a preferred embodiment, each mass storage device 120 includes a plurality of disks and is disposed and operated as a RAID (Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks) storage system.--

Please replace the paragraphs at page 8, lines 4 to 15, with the following:

--   The first file server 110 includes a first server request memory 160 (also referred to as a file server change memory herein), which receives the file server requests 151 and records them. In the event the first file server 110 recovers from a power failure or other service disruption, the outstanding file server requests 151 in the first server request memory 160 are re-performed to incorporate them into a next consistent state of the file system maintained by the first file server 110.

Similarly, the second file server 110 includes a second server request memory 160 (also referred to as a file server change memory herein), which receives the file server requests 151 and records them. In the event the second file server 110 recovers from a power failure or other service disruption, the outstanding file server requests 151 in the second server request memory 160 are re-performed to incorporate them into a next consistent state of the file system maintained by the second file server 110.--

Please insert the following paragraph at page 9, line 12:

--   The first and second file servers 110 and their respective server request (change) memories 160 communicate via interconnection(s) 165, which in one embodiment of the

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invention are implemented in a NUMA (Non-Uniform Memory Access) interconnection network.--

Please replace the paragraphs at page 10, lines 5 to 18, with the following:

--o   U.S. Patent No. 5,948,110, issued September 7, 1999, on Application Serial No. 08/471,218, filed June 5, 1995, in the name of inventors David Hitz et al., titled "A Method for Providing Parity in a Raid Sub-System Using Non-Volatile Memory";

o   U.S. Patent No. 5,819,292, issued October 6, 1998, on Application Serial No. 08/454,921, filed May 31, 1995, in the name of inventors David Hitz et al., titled "Write Anywhere File-System Layout";

o   U.S. Patent No. 6,038,570, issued March 14, 2000, on Application Serial No. 08/464,591, filed May 31, 1995, in the name of inventors David Hitz et al., titled "Method for Allocating Files in a File System Integrated with a Raid Disk Sub-System".

Each of these applications is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. They are collectively referred to as the "WAFL (Write Anywhere File system Layout) Disclosures."--